

Appointments

MEMORANDUM

July 19, 2010

TO: County Council

FROM: Justina J. Ferber, Legislative Analyst

SUBJECT: Appointments – Montgomery County Organizational Reform Commission

A Council Interview Panel, consisting of Council President Nancy Floreen and Councilmembers Berliner and Trachtenberg joined by Councilmember Andrews, interviewed applicants for four Council positions on the newly created Organizational Reform Commission. The Commission was created to make recommendations for potential reorganization or consolidation of functions performed by County government and County-funded agencies.

Resolution No. 16-1350 establishes the composition of the Commission as four members appointed by the County Council and four by the County Executive. The Council and Executive will each designate one member as co-chair of the Commission.

The Council advertised from May 21 to June 7 for applicants and received twenty applications. Twelve applicants were chosen to be interviewed - Scott Fosler, Miryam Gerdine, Vinod Ghildiyal, Dan Hoffman, Emanuel Mandel, John Miers, Jerry Morenoff, Vernon Ricks, Len Simon, Della Stolsworth, and Jon Weintraub. Robert "Bo" Newsome withdrew his application.

Attached is a resolution of appointment. The Panel recommends the following applicants for appointment and the designation of Vernon H. Ricks, Jr. as Co-Chair:

1. Scott Fosler
2. Daniel Hoffman
3. Vernon H. Ricks, Jr., Co-Chair
4. Len Simon

The County Executive recommends the following for appointment and designates Mr. Richard Wegman as Co-Chair:

5. M. Cristima Echavarren
6. Joan Fidler
7. Susan Heltemes
8. Richard Wegman, Co-Chair

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Adopted: _____

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By Council President Floreen and Councilmembers Berliner and Trachtenberg

SUBJECT: Appointments to the Montgomery County Organizational Reform Commission

Background

1. Resolution No. 16-1350 adopted on May 18, 2010, established the Montgomery County Organizational Reform Commission to make recommendations for potential reorganization or consolidation of functions performed by County government and County-funded agencies.
2. The Commission must solicit suggestions for potential reorganization or consolidation of functions performed by County government and County-funded agencies from: elected officials; County residents; business and community leaders; County and agency employees; bargaining unit representatives; and other stakeholders.
3. The Commission must draft and adopt written criteria to evaluate which suggestions merit further consideration by the Commission. The criteria must include: a minimum level of potential cost savings (for example, \$1 million per year); a standard for ease of implementation; and a measure of acceptable service level impact.
4. No later than September 30, 2010, the Commission must submit a status report of its progress to the Council and the Executive outlining its progress to date and its work plan through January 31, 2011. Executive staff and Council staff must provide support to the Commission.
5. The Commission must submit its final report to the Executive and Council no later than January 31, 2011. The report must contain the Commission's recommendations to reorganize or consolidate functions performed by County government or County-funded agencies. For each recommendation for reorganization or consolidation, the Commission's report must include the rationale and estimated cost savings associated with implementing the recommendation. Any organizational proposal for County government in the Commission report must take the form of a reorganization plan that the Executive could submit to the Council under Charter §217.

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Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following resolution:

1. The following individuals are hereby appointed to Montgomery County Organizational Reform Commission by the County Council:

Members

1. Scott Fosler
2. Daniel Hoffman
3. Vernon H. Ricks, Jr.
4. Len Simon

2. The following individuals are hereby appointed to Montgomery County Organizational Reform Commission by the County Executive:

Members

5. M. Cristima Echavarren
6. Joan Fidler
7. Susan Heltemes
8. Richard Wegman, Co-Chair

3. The following individuals are hereby designated as Co-Chairs to the Commission:

1. Mr. Vernon H. Ricks, Jr is designated Co-Chair by the County Council.
2. Mr. Richard Wegman designated Co-Chair by the County Executive.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

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